

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) An orthopedic aid which is used by a patient for
2 walking and which provides a supporting function for the human body and a
3 safety function for operation of the supporting function, comprising:
4 two parts which are movable relative to one another;
5 a locking device for locking the two parts in an extended position so
6 that a movement of the two parts relative to one another is blocked during
7 standing and walking and for manually unlocking the two parts to permit
8 movement of the two parts with respect to one another in a rest position,
9 wherein said locking device is operable by a user of the orthopedic aid, the
10 user being able to notice from observation of behavior of the orthopedic aid
11 whether the locking device is locked or unlocked;
12 means for automatically detecting locking or unlocking of said locking
13 device; and
14 a signaling arrangement which emits a signal, responsive to said
15 means for automatically detecting, for alerting ~~the~~ the user of the orthopedic aid
16 to a locking state or upon unlocking of the locking device, thereby confirming
17 said observation or alerting the user when said observation is incorrect.
- 1 2. (canceled)
- 1 3. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the signaling arrangement emits a signal upon unlocking.

1 4. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 said signaling arrangement provides a signal which is visual, acoustic, tactile
3 and/or mechanical.

1 5. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 said means for detecting includes a detection arrangement designed to
3 generate the signal electrically as a function of the locking state.

1 6. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the locking device has a movable locking pin whose position is detected by
3 the means for detecting.

1 7. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the locking device is actuated electromechanically to permit unlocking.

1 8. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 6, wherein
2 the movable locking pin is arranged such that it can be drawn into a magnet
3 coil to permit unlocking.

1 9. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 6, wherein
2 the detection arrangement is designed for electrical scanning of a position of
3 the locking pin.

1 10. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1 further
2 comprising an electromagnetic actuating arrangement with a low actuating
3 force of not more than 2 N, wherein the locking device, when in the extended
4 position, has a slight play, allowing a freedom of movement of the locking
5 mechanism in the loading pertaining to the extended position, whereas, in the
6 event of a load exerting a turning moment on the locking device, the locking

7 device cannot be unlocked by the actuating arrangement on account of
8 frictional forces.

1 11. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the locking device is actuated by wireless transmission of an actuating signal.

3 12. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11,
4 wherein an actuating signal for wireless transmission of a command signal is
5 triggered on a handgrip of a walking aid.

1 13. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 11,
2 wherein the signal of the signaling arrangement is sent by wireless
3 transmission to a walking aid.

1 14. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein the walking aid has a visual and/or acoustic signal display
3 arrangement.

1 15. (previously presented) The orthopedic aid as claimed in claim 13,
2 wherein a handgrip of the walking aid is provided with a vibrator that can be
3 actuated by the signal of the signaling arrangement.